In the Specification:

On page 2 of the published application, please amend paragraph [0030] as follows:

--Fig. 2 illustrates how the speech ~~encoder~~codec 101 is located in the schematically shown architecture of a communications device, which may be e.g. a mobile station of a cellular radio system. Together with the speech ~~codes~~codec 101 there may be other codecs 201, such as video codecs and data codecs. There may also be one or more local interfaces 202, through which the communications device accepts source encoded data from other devices and through which the communications device also outputs received encoded data for eventual decoding somewhere else. Typically there is also a device control block 203 that transmits and receives signalling messages that concern the operation of the communications device. The codecs 101 and 201 as well as the local interfaces 202 and control block 203 are coupled to a channel encoding and decoding and modulating/demodulating unit 204 through a multiplexer/demultiplexer 205. Coupled to the channel encoding and decoding and modulating/demodulating unit 204 there is a transceiver 206 that takes care of long distance transmitting and receiving of signals.--

On page 2 of the published application, please amend paragraph [0031] as follows:

--Fig. 3 is an alternative schematic approach to the structure and operation of a communications device, oriented according to the layered OSI model. The three lowest layers in the OSI model are the physical layer (Layer 1), the data link layer (Layer 2) and the network layer (Layer 3). Above these there may be a varying selection of Layers 4 to 7 (not shown in fig. 3). Data sources, such as the speech codec 101 and others 301, communicate with the higher layers. As a part of the speech ~~codes~~codec 101 there exists a SID timing functionality 302, which has been programmed to respond

to detected silence by starting to send silence descriptors and sending them regularly according to a certain predefined timetable, until the silent period ends.--